



The National League
Of
American Pen Women
Central New York
Branch

is pleased to
announce their
57th Annual

Poetry Contest

Deadline:

February 25, 2012

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Guest Juror for Adult Competition

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**The National League of
American Pen Women,**
a not-for-profit organization,
promotes development of the
creative talents of professional
women in the arts.

The League consists of more
than 200 local branches
throughout the United States.



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Entries may be submitted by any person not connected with The Post-Standard or The National League of American Pen Women.

Contestants will be judged in five groups:
GROUP 1 - K through 3rd grade

GROUP 2 - 4th and 5th grade

GROUP 3 - 6th through 8th grade

GROUP 4 - 9th through 12th grade

GROUP 5 - Adult

GROUPS 1, 2, 3 & 4 must include Group Number, name, address, phone number, date of birth, age, grade and school at time of submission.

GROUP 5 must include Group Number, name, address, and phone number.

**Entry Fee: GROUP 5 (Adult) \$4 per poem.
3 poems for \$10** (3 entry limit)
Make check payable to NLAPW.
No fee for GROUPS 1, 2, 3 & 4.

MAILING DEADLINE: All entries must be postmarked no later than **February 25, 2012.**

Judges: Winners will be selected by a panel of professional writers.

Guidelines for Submission:

1. GROUPS 1, 2, 3, & 4 may submit only one original poem of 20 lines or less. Please keep a copy of the poem; no poems will be returned.

2. GROUP 5 may submit up to three original, unpublished poems of 20 lines or less. Please keep a copy of the poems; no poems will be returned.

3. Each entry must be typewritten, single-spaced on one side of white paper. Identification, including Group Number, name, address and phone number, must be typed on the back of the sheet.

GROUPS 1, 2, 3, & 4 must include date of birth, age, school and grade at the time of submission.

4. ALL ENTRIES IN ALL AGE GROUPS MUST CARRY A SIGNED STATEMENT ON THE BACK AS FOLLOWS: This poem is entirely original and not copied from any source. Signed - (entrant's name).

5. Papers not prepared according to these rules will be automatically disqualified.

Mail entries for GROUPS 1 and 2 to:
Sheila Byrnes,
3622 Whispering Woods Terrace
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Mail Entries for GROUPS 3, 4, & 5 to:

Mary Gardner
2411 Wave Way
Skaneateles, NY 13152

All entries in all GROUPS must be postmarked by February 25, 2012.



AWARDS CEREMONY
Saturday, April 28, 10:30 a.m.
Liverpool Public Library
310 Tulip Street
Liverpool, NY

All winning entries will be read at the Awards Ceremony. Winners or their authorized representatives must be present on April 28th to receive the award.

Winning entries will be published in The Post-Standard as space permits.

If, in the opinion of the judges, no entry in any one group is worthy, no award will be given in that group.

For questions concerning the contest please contact Mary Gardner at mlgardner37@yahoo.com